

1 ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
2 DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS / DISTRICT 4

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4 REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF OPEN HOUSE - CORRIDOR
5 PROTECTION & DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

6 DECEMBER 16, 2003
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8 IN RE:

9 MACOMB BYPASS STUDY
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12 PURSUANT TO NOTICE to all parties in
13 interest, the above-entitled matter came on for
14 public hearing before the Illinois Department
15 of Transportation on Tuesday, December 16,
16 2003, commencing at 4 p.m. at the VFW Post
17 1921, 1200 East Jefferson Street, Macomb,
18 Illinois, before Pamela Sue Johnson, Certified
19 Shorthand Reporter within and for the State of
20 Iowa, License No. 1223.
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1 A P P E A R A N C E S
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4 Appearances:

5 ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

6 Joe Crowe
7 Paula Green
8 Greg Larson
9 Sobhi Lababidi
10 Judy Calahan
11 Anna Ghidina
12 Sarah Dupoy
13 John Anderson
14 Paul Heeg
15 Tom Lacy
16 Mike Schmied
17 Rhonda Searle

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24 PROJECT MANAGER

25 PARSONS, BRINCKERHOFF, QUADE & DOUGLAS, INC.
26 By Aaron Chanowitz, P.E.
27 230 West Monroe Street
28 Suite 350
29 Chicago, Illinois 60606
30 (312) 782-8150

31 Also appearing: John Page
32 Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade &
33 Douglas, Inc.

1 Dana Walker, 315 North Madison Street, Macomb,
2 Illinois, (309) 833-3268.

3 COMMENT: I would like to register an objection
4 to allowing only 10 days after the hearing to
5 have comments included in the official project
6 record. That's what I wanted to leave tonight.
7 I feel like 30 days would be a more appropriate
8 time frame.

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11 Ken Kedzior, 6370 E. State Route 95, Smithfield,
12 Illinois, 61477.

13 COMMENT: I think this project is a waste of the
14 taxpayer's money. I think it's clear that the
15 Illinois Department of Transportation has failed
16 to maintain the current roads and infrastructure
17 that they're responsible for. I feel that this
18 project is adverse to wildlife and that it
19 doesn't address the needs of wildlife, and I
20 don't see any need for this project. There's no
21 justification for it.
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1 Roberta Moore, 200 Cheyenne Road, Colchester,
2 836-5698.

3 COMMENT: What I wanted to know is if I can get
4 a detailed map of where the new road is going to
5 go north through the Sue Bagley property because
6 I live on an edge of -- on the east of that
7 property. And that man over there (indicating)
8 said that we could request a detailed map.
9 That's really all I need.

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11 Sarah Wood, 604 Memorial Drive, Macomb,
12 Illinois, 836-5209.

13 COMMENT: I'm concerned that it's going to go
14 within half a mile of the reservoir which is the
15 major water supply for Macomb. That's my main
16 concern. Unfortunately, they're going through
17 all this wooded area that we don't have much of,
18 but my main concern is the accumulation of
19 diesel particulars and stuff going into the
20 reservoir. It's only half a mile away, and if
21 there's ever kind of an accident, chemical
22 spill.

23 (The public hearing concluded at 7 p.m.)

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.
COUNTY OF McDONOUGH)

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Pamela Sue Johnson, a Certified Shorthand Reporter for the State of Iowa, License No. 1223, do hereby certify:

That the foregoing transcript consisting of 5 pages is a true and accurate computer-generated record of my stenographic notes taken by me of the Open House Corridor Protection & Design Public Hearing on the 16th day of December, 2003, at the VFW Post 1921, 1200 E. Jefferson Street, Macomb, Illinois.

And I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

Dated this 2nd day of January, 2004.

Pamela Sue Johnson
PAMELA SUE JOHNSON
Notary Public
Certified Shorthand Reporter

Advantage Reporting Service (309) 673-1881

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ROUTE: F.A.P 315 (IL 336) & F.A.P. 310 (US 67)
JOB NO: P94-152-91

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NAME	REPRESENTING	PHONE #
1 <u>David J. Phil</u>	<u>East Phillips 66</u>	<u>836-3835</u>
2 <u>Frank Phil</u>	<u>Minus Duffler</u>	<u>837-6444</u>
3 <u>David Patrick</u>		<u>833-5289</u>
4 <u>Jane Gahr</u>		<u>772-7767</u>
5 <u>Robert Maher</u>	<u>County Board</u>	<u>772-2767</u>
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1 Kathy Cavins	MACC	836-3219
2 Kathryn L. Harris		833-4703
3 Rick Clemens		837-3651
4 Winston Wetherick		776-4758
5 Dennis M Van Fleet		776-4305
6 Maurice R Greene		776-4807
7 Tim Houe		833-5579
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NAME	REPRESENTING	PHONE #
1 Anthony Suettharha	Residential Homeowner	309-833-1968
2 David Castelgou	County Board	309-772-2575
3 Rosemary + Richard Parks		837-2068
4 Leiraine Epperson	County 21 Anderson -	833-4577
5 Ken Epperson	" " Epperson	
6 ALLEN NEMEC	Sodexo	298 8982
7 Patti Nemeo	Residential Homeowner	833-5226
8 Loral Wetherick		776-3874
9 A. Le Lomb	China Rd	
10 Tim Nelson	County	
11 Rob Nelson	"	
12 James E DiTulio		
13 Duane McCall	CU SD 185	836-3325
14 Robert Loring		837-4765
15 LeRoy Brown	McDonough County	836-8011
16 Monica Burkholder	C-21 Anderson - Epperson	837-3046
17 Matthew Clark		
18 Martha Klems	50 Lake Michael Dr	833-5015
19 Galen Writkamp	50 Lake Michael Dr	833-5015
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1 <u>Myrauk Horrie</u>	<u>Self</u>	<u>837-2879</u>
2 <u>Donna Thompson</u>	<u>Self</u>	<u>833-1633</u>
3 <u>Rita Carson</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>837-2168</u>
4 <u>John Carson</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>837-2168</u>
5 <u>Nicole Henderson</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>837-2463</u>
6 <u>Donna Miller</u>	<u>Self</u>	<u>836-2233</u>
7 <u>Diana Kurasz</u>	<u>Self</u>	<u>833-2195</u>
8 <u>Rick Kurasz</u>	<u>Self</u>	<u>"</u>
9 <u>John Landgren</u>	<u>Self</u>	<u>8115245</u>
10 <u>BOB STEAN</u>	<u>Self</u>	<u>836-5700</u>
11 <u>Maitha Sloan</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>836-5700</u>
12 <u>Shirley Galt</u>	<u>SELF</u>	<u>837-4454</u>
13 <u>Lathyr Galt</u>	<u>Self</u>	<u>837-4286</u>
14 <u>David Bastille</u>	<u>Self</u>	<u>837-9330</u>
15 <u>Bill Halper</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>837-6434</u>
16 <u>Joe Dobson</u>	<u>Self</u>	<u>836-6007</u>
17 <u>Alice Henry</u>	<u>Self</u>	<u>836-7231</u>
18 <u>David Wink</u>	<u>" Child</u>	<u>734-3677</u>
19 <u>Mary J. Woodson</u>	<u>Self</u>	<u>837-3054</u>
20 <u>Kathy Olsen</u>	<u>Self</u>	<u>"</u>

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1 <u>Paul Johnson</u>	<u>court reporter</u>	<u>"</u>
2 <u>Shirley & Jelle Williams</u>	<u>Self</u>	<u>776-3004</u>
3 <u>Pete Lucas</u>	<u>McDONOUGH POWER COOP</u>	<u>833-2101</u>
4 <u>Rita Bryan</u>	<u>ourselves</u>	<u>836-2931</u>
5 <u>Marge Harris</u>	<u>Ourselves</u>	<u>837-2879</u>
6 <u>Don Schmelschot</u>	<u>Schmelschot Farms</u>	<u>653-2793</u>
7 <u>Chick & Leta</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>833-2516</u>
8 <u>Janet Curtis</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>837-4454</u>
9 <u>Susan McConlon</u>	<u>Southern home owning and Macomb Schools</u>	<u>837-3811</u>
10 <u>Susan Daniels</u>	<u>Macomb Board of Educ</u>	<u>837-3393</u>
11 <u>NORMAN WELKER</u>	<u>McDONOUGH TELEPHONE</u>	<u>309/776-3211</u>
12 <u>DON REZAB</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>837-3823</u>
13 <u>Harold Thompson</u>	<u>McDonough</u>	<u>837-1633</u>
14 <u>Ben & Bibbini</u>	<u>Macomb Chamber</u>	<u>837-5000</u>
15 <u>Marie Davidson</u>	<u>Macomb Schools</u>	<u>837-3993</u>
16 <u>C. Don Westoa</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>833-4473</u>
17 <u>Paul & Rosemarie</u>	<u>Macomb Schools</u>	<u>837-2464</u>
18 <u>Bryan Perez</u>	<u>Macomb Schools</u>	<u>837-4428</u>
19 <u>Dennis Turner</u>	<u>Lewistown IL</u>	<u>783-2451</u>
20 <u>Kim Pierce</u>	<u>MAEDCO</u>	<u>837-4684</u>

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1 Tony Coniglio	McDonough Co. Board	837-4756
2 Norma Bland	Self	837-1277
3 Anthony Nollen	Self	836-5732
4 Bob Bland	Former Self	837-7277
5 Michael L. Sartor	Macomb High School	837-2331
6 Wayne Woodrum	Self	837-5757
7 Rob Powell	Self	776-3324
8 Dave Powell	Self	833-5919
9 Wayne White	Self	833-4096
10 Mike Fay	City of Macomb	837-0501
11 Joe Egan	Self	833-5468
12 Scott White	Self	837-3713
13 Charles Majors	Self & husband Ray	837-1326
14 Barbara Mason	Self	837-1092
15 Dan Pendennis	McDonough Co Board	772-3338
16 Michael Storking	Self	458-6402
17 Steve Silberger	Self	837-7201
18 Ray C Bunch	Chalmers Township	836-7303
19 Don Johnson	702 W WASH, MACOMB	3-4626
20 Sue Hayes	Self	753-8678

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NAME	REPRESENTING	PHONE #
1 Jerry Coonan	Citizens Mutual Bank	
2 Jeff Calhoun	Infobahn Outfitters	
3 Tom Carper	DCEO	833-2808
4 LARRY LYNN	CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	837-6148
5 Mike Parker	Self	837-9629
6 Walter Lewis	Mother Margaret Lewis	652-3227
7 Phil Thorman		837-7555
8 Dave Maguire	Delta Party Mat Co.	837-3377
9 Paula Knight	Coldwell Banker	833-5989
10 ED FULKERSON	SELF	833-5896
11 Dave & Deb McDaniel	Self	833-5232
12 David Coonan	Self	833-1595
13 Jim Wmai	Self	833-4050
14 James A Burnham	Self	837-1522
15 DAVIN SCHODF	SELF	309-776-7345
16 Cindy Corteloux	Self	309-772-2575
17 Jack Lavandier	Self	309-857-1458
18 Virginia Dietl	Self	309-837-4286
19 William Wilson	Self	309-456-3919
20 RICHARD WILSON	SELF	309-458-3919

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1	Gheryl Voorhis	my your self	(309)833-531
2	Theresa Dugan	self	837-3467
3	TOM INGRASSIA	11	11
4	Tom Sullivan	Self	836-6168
5	KENT PETERS	SELF	833-5520
6	James Pearson		833-5446
7	John McJannet	WUW - Public Radio	298-1873
8	Joe Prustis	Self	833-5491
9	Phil Christensen	Self	833-5491
10	Dennis Mearns	City of Macomb	837-7144
11	Bill Gillingham	City of Macomb	836-5511
12	Alexine Hammond		837-1771
13	Robert Fackler	Self	833-2927
14	Wendell Kline	Self	837-1437
15	Frances Kline	Self	837-1437
16	Joe Coplan	City of Macomb - Alderman	833-4860
17	John Coplan	Self	833-4860
18	Kalinda Moore	Self	836-5698
19	Sara Wood	self	836-5209
20	Mike El	Self	837-4007

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1	Ruth Schoeper		833-4626
2	KEN Coulter		742-8416
3	Aaron Haller	Macomb School District	833-4273
4	Carol Schen	City of Bushnell	772-2171
5	Margie Pordelle	W. Federal Bk	837-9988
6	Christi Doh		833-5960
7	Debbie Kessel		298-2131
8	Angela		
9	Charles H. Jones		837-4151
10	Anne Myers		837-4511
11	John Miller		837-7079
12	Samuel D. Kline	SRM - WU	833-5363
13	Greg + Ronda McKee		837-3130
14	Bob Harvick	Macomb Co Board	837-2579
15	Rich Myers	State Rep.	836-2707
16	Daniel Thompson		837-2284
17	TRAN KARANAVICH	Supl. of Schools (USD) 185	833-4161
18	Tracy + Mary Thoreson		833-3605
19	Don Hurlbick		833-5452
20	Ryan Bower		309-3376415

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1	Jill Imier	Macomb Area Economic Dev. Corp	837-4684
2	Boston over	14865 N 1150 RD	733-4450
3	Norm Hinds	12221 E. 820 th St	836-6311
4	Tobler, Fred	20 Lake Michael Dr	833-1601
5	Ed Galligan	McClure Engineering / Macomb	833-4594
6	Michael V. G.	1810 Emory Rd	837-3200
7	John Clement	8830 E 1100 St	837-2060
8	Marion Clement	8830 E. 1100 th St. Macomb	837-2060
9	R. Menner	1207 Rebecca Lane	836-9197
10	Ed Hagar	The Quincy (Kala) Whip	223-5100
11	Margaret A. Black	8516 N 1250 Rd	833-4886
12	William Butcher	Macomb County of Commerce	833-5376
13	Berry Pastle	Bushnell	772-2628
14	Dana Walker	315 N. Madison, Macomb	833-3268
15	Don Gray	715 Memorial Macomb	836-6416
16	Rosa Lee Gray	715 Memorial Macomb	836-6416
17	Dick Shell	38 Bushnell Macomb	836-7441
18	Ronald L. Smith	1500 th Macomb	837-1348
19	Dr. Swartzbaugh	Bushnell	772-2171
20	David Bekeman	LOTZ PROP. MANAGEMENT	837-4191

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1	Benjamin Richardson	McDonough County	
2	Thomas A. Cahley	Glenview	
3	Donald A. Maw Year	Macomb	
4	Shirley Woolen	Macomb	
5	Ray Zuckerman	Macomb	
6	Cherry Johnson	American CIPS	
7	Timothy Johnson	McDonough Co Board	
8	Senator John Sullivan		
9	Amanda Waller		
10	Lisa Dobson	Self	836-6007
11	Linda Richardson	Self	
12	Frank Bundy	Self	833-3956
13	Joe Bongiovi	Deer Sons Landscaping	837-7315
14	Katie Clark		833-4957
15	John D. Clark	Deer Sons Landscaping	833-4957
16	Merwin Hall	Self	833-4422
17	Rick Ferree		
18	Al Knauer		833-4911
19	Lori Clark	Deer Sons Landscaping	837-7315
20	Jeffrey Pestle		254-3716

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1 Mike Hillyer	Hillyer Inc	832-6434
2 Charles C. Zille	Macomb City	298-1185
3 Michael Thompson	Plymouth IL	298-1880
4 TOO WOODMAN	SELF	833-5215
5 Art Clayton	Self	837-1026
A-17 6 Fran Hamilton	Self	837-3115
7 Chris J. Hamilton	Self	837-3115
8 Scott Coker	Self	833-1450
9 Sam C. Lillard	Self	837-3163
10 Calvin Sullivan	Self	837-3163
11 Sam Brockhart	Self	833-4842
12 St. Coker	Terrill Title Co	833-2881
13 St. Coker	W. S. T. Co	837-1960
14 Melissa Cathoun	Infobahn Outlets/self	836-3706
15 John Maguire	Macomb City Council	833-2629
16 Joe Lavordiere	SELF	837-6799
17 W. Garry Johnson	Charles & Garry / Mally	857-2029
18 Aaron Covert	IC H & A	
19 Roberta Tyson		833-3906
20 Eric Moe	McCune Engineering	833-4554

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1 TERRY STONE	PSBA	217-222-4605
2 Alan P. Foster	McDonough Co. Board	776-4162
3 Arline Fontana	Emmett Neighbors	837-2475
4 Mark Dignand	Mayor Macomb	833-255P
5 Kenly Lounny		837-3512
6 Ron Bricker		
7 Franky & Ann Powell		837-2011
8 Don Bell		837-2413
9 Deane Juebig	Audio Video & DIGITAL EFFECTS	836-5641
10 Mark Kunkle		968-7480
11 Carla Mudd	McDonough County Farm Bureau	837-3350
12 Alvin S. Sorenson	RFB - 8 W. S. Sorenson on the road	833-4450
13 Richard Finkel		
14 Walter Robb		833-2829
15 Jodi Boppe Sch	Denia - Daniel Sten	833-1591
16 Robert Gessner		837-5397
17 MEREDITH TAYLOR	MACOMB	837-3625
18 BOB HEARY		876-7231
19 Bill Munn	Self	837-3464
20 Bill Dejong	Self	3-1504

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1 Lyle Nichols	Macomb Park District	833-4562
2 Gordon Roskam	WIU Dept. of Ag	298-1569
3 David Grove	McDonough County Highway	837-2557
4 Alvin Ray Poe		
5 George C. POTTER	my self	833-2970
6 Annie Leigh Brown	self	255 8031
7 Tom Radz	Macomb Journal	(708) 705-7272
8 Eric Ribbens		
9 Robert Giles	Diamond Doves	333-1851
10 Steve Holt		
11 Jay Palmer	Macomb Park Dist	837-3591
12 Sheila Dye	my self	833-4337
13 Shannon Smith	LAVENDER	833-4536
14 BRAD CHAT	WJEG RADIO	833-2121
15 Wyatt Baxter		833-1408
16 Marilyn Baxter		833-1408
17 Roger C Davis	FIRST STATE BANK / WIT	837-4008
18 Betty Paulson	Macomb Downtown Developmt. Corp	833-1807
19 Ed Franks	self	833-5608
20 Evelyn Franks	self	833-5608

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December 16, 2003

Mr. Paul Heeg
IDOT District 4
Peoria, IL

Dr. Mr. Heeg:

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me on the phone about a week ago, when I called you requesting information about the IDOT meeting in Macomb, 12/16/03.

I remain hopeful that IDOT will be able to go ahead with its plans to build a northwest bypass around Macomb. Since the decision was announced back in November of '98 that IDOT had eliminated the southern option for further study, those of us impacted in the original southern corridor felt relief in the choice and have gone on with our lives. Despite our obvious stake in the decision, we believe that the northwest alignment has always been the most fiscally and environmentally responsible one for both the State of Illinois as well as for the people of this city and county.

We fervently hope (as you might imagine!) that IDOT will soon be able to act on its plans for a northwest bypass...and connect, once and for all, western Illinois with the rest of the world!

Thank you and all of the good people of IDOT District 4 for your patience and good graces shown the people of Macomb as we've worked through this often difficult process.

Sincerely,

Steve Axley

Stephen R. Axley
12480 N. 950 Rd.
Macomb, IL 61455
Phone 309.833.3726



Illinois Department of Transportation

Division of Highways / District 4
401 Main Street / Peoria, Illinois / 61602-1111
Telephone 309/671-3333

February 27, 2004

BUREAU OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT
STUDIES & PLANS - PHASE I
FAP Route 315 & 310 (IL 336 & US 67)
Macomb Area Study
McDonough County
Job No. P-94-152-91
Catalog No. 031483-00P

Mr. Stephen R. Axley
12480 North 950th Road
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Mr. Axley:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your enclosed comments, you mentioned your preference to remain with the decision made in 1999 in which a northwest bypass location was recommended and the south bypass alignment was eliminated from further consideration. The Department's recommendation to select the northwest bypass over the south bypass was presented at a Public Informational Meeting held in Macomb on April 28, 1999. The decision was based on a comparison of overall impacts, as well as public input. The Department stands by its decision for a bypass located north of Macomb, as presented at the Public Hearing on December 16, 2003.

Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record.

Please contact Mr. Tom Lacy at (309) 671-3453 if you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,


Joseph E. Crowe, P.E.
District Engineer

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My comments are:

The by-pass looks good. The sooner we have 4-lane concrete the better. I am glad that wildlife crossings are included. Deer on the roads are a hazard in this area. Smaller animals need a safe way to cross, too — how about the hill thistle?

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Ms. Linda Aylesworth Jani
2043 West Adams Road
Macomb, IL 61455

Dear Ms. Aylesworth Jani:

Thank you for your comments concerning the Macomb Bypass Study as presented at the Public Hearing in Macomb on December 16, 2003. A copy of your comment letter is enclosed for your reference.

In your enclosed comments, you expressed support for the Macomb Bypass alignment in addition to the approval of the proposed animal crossings. You also mentioned the Hills Thistle plant species which will not be impacted by this project.

Thank you for letting the Department know your viewpoint. Your viewpoint will be included in the project record.

Please contact Mr. Tom Lacy at (309) 671-3453 if you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,

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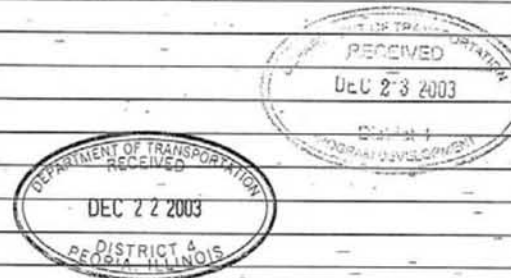
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My comments are:

I think the south route you have chosen is the best for all. You are away from the school, hospital and heavy traffic.



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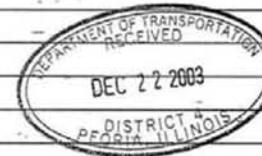
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My comments are:

This plan looks good to me.

Robert A. Bland



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My comments are:

Good job!! Start Building

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Ms. Monica Burkholder
508 South Madison
Macomb, IL 61455

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Comments on the proposed Macomb Bypass, December 16, 2003

First of all thank you for coming to Macomb and making an excellent presentation to the public. As I have stated in public comments before, until U.S. Route 67 was finished just a few years ago, Macomb and McDonough county knew what it was like to have no four lane highways serving our area. This project coupled with three other projects (336 from Quincy to Macomb, 336 from Macomb to Peoria, and Route 67 south to Jacksonville) is long overdue considering four lane roads in this area and a Macomb bypass were once proposed about 30 years ago.

When trying to bring developers and new business to Macomb, one of the biggest hurdles we have to contend with is the lack of a four-lane transportation system in west central Illinois. Macomb is almost exactly halfway between Quincy and Peoria; two communities with abundant shopping and good industrial bases. The eventual completion of 336 along with this bypass could help establish additional shopping opportunities in Macomb along with potential satellite industries to complement those already in Peoria and Quincy. Four lane highways connecting Peoria, Canton, Macomb, and Quincy could become a strong industrial and business corridor in downstate Illinois.

I favor your Macomb bypass study as shown to the public on December 16 here in Macomb. My biggest concern is that it will not be constructed soon enough. 336 should be completed to the west edge of Macomb hopefully in the next 5 years. At that time four lanes of traffic will be dumped on to West Jackson street and routed through Macomb. As 336 is used more heavily, I believe this will be too much traffic to bear through the middle of town. The railroad runs through the middle of Macomb with about 24 trains per day. Even now traffic on West Jackson will back up several blocks when trains block the crossings. With additional traffic, this situation could worsen. Just a thought that you might consider.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this study.

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